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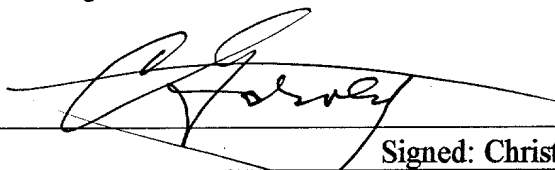
Applicant: Michael Crom, et al
Entitled: HYBRID WIRE WINDER AND SEISMIC CABLES
Application No. 09/965,646
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Preliminary Amendment

This responds to a *Formalities Letter* of 11/5/01. A response is due 1/7/01. In response to the *Notice to File Missing Parts of the Non-provisional Application, Filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b)*, in which the filing date was granted, we hereby submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

Enclosures:

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4 sheets of *Formal Drawings*, Figs. 1-6;

1 copy of the *Notice to File Missing Parts*

Application pages 11-18

A *Check* for \$486; and

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	basic fee = \$ 370
1 extra claim over 20 fee	@ \$ 9 = \$ 9
1 extra independent claim fee	@ \$ 42 = \$ 42
37 CFR 1.16(e) fee. late fee:	\$65

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Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the above-identified patent application by removing pages 11 through 18 and replacing them with enclosed pages 11 through 19, in which there is a page break immediately before the claims, so that the claims commence on a separate sheet.

In the Drawings:

Substitute the enclosed formal figures 1,2 ,3, 4, 5, & 6 for figures 1,2 ,3, 4, 5, & 6, now on file.

Remarks

Substitute pages are enclosed to start the claims on a separate sheet as required. The new page break is the only change.

The new formal drawings are numbered more neatly than those they replace, and have no fax markings. Otherwise they should contain no new matter.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency during the ENTIRE PENDENCY of this application to deposit account No. 03-2468

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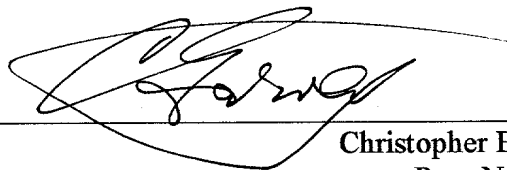
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$718 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is ~~\$98~~.
 - \$18* for 1 total claims over 20. *9.-*
 - \$84.-* ~~\$80~~ for 1 independent claims over 3. *42.-*
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is ~~\$ 938~~.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.